

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10-13, 16-22, 24-26, and 29-30 have been cancelled. Claims 9, 14, 23, 27 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 9, 14, 15, 23, 27, and 28 are pending.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 9, 14, 15, 23, 27, and 28 contain allowable subject matter. Amended claims 9, 14, 23, and 27 are intended to include all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claim 15 depends on claim 14. Claim 28 depends on claim 27. It is therefore believed that claims 9, 14, 15, 23, 27, and 28 are allowable.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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